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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, VE, US  
SUBJECT: NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE OF MARCH 1

I SPOKE TO MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND TOURISM  
DIEGO ARRIA TO GIVE HIM MY OPINION THAT THE GOV AND  
VENEZUELAN MEDIA WERE MISREADING THE MARCH 1 NEW YORK  
TIMES ARTICLE, PARTICULARLY WITH REFERENCE TO QUOTE  
ATRIBUTED TO DAVID PHILLIPS. ARRIA SAID THAT  
HE KNEW PHILLIPS WELL AND WAS AWARE THAT HE WOULD BE  
INCAPABLE OF MAKING THE STATEMENTS THAT ARE BEING  
ALLEGED. HE AGREED THAT A CLOSE READING OF THE NEW  
YORK TIMES TEXT WOULD LEAD TO THE CONCLUSION THAT  
THE REFERENCE TO CIA FINANCED OPERATIONS WAS NOT MADE  
BY PHILLIPS. HE WONDERED, HOWEVER, IF THE CRAFTILY  
WORDED NEW YORK TIMES TEXT WAS NOT INTENDED TO  
MISLEAD. HE ADDED THAT THE SPANISH TRANSLATION,  
IF ANYTHING, MADE THE ATRIBUTION EVEN MORE DIFFICULT  
TO FOLLOW. I ASKED FOR HIS SUGGESTIONS ON HOW BEST  
TO ADDRESS THIS SITUATION AND HE SAID THAT HE WOULD  
THINK ABOUT IT AND GET BACK TO ME.  
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